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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

Politics in Fayette County West Virginia

With but a few more days intervening between now and the election, it becomes more and more apparent that the Independent ticket has not even a fighting chance. The voters have thoroughly analyzed the situation, and are ready on the day and date to register their choice at the polls and render their decision in favor of good government and government that is regular. It is now too late to deceive them. It is now too late to pull the wool over their eyes. Every meeting grows more and more encouraging. Everything points to an overwhelming victory in the county, and on the 8th day of next November the cause of the mongrel and hybrid ticket will be lost forever and a day.

The day of the shotgun and pistol policy has passed, or should have passed, although it seems that it has not. Men are not to be deterred by the use of force and argument that is forcibly persuasive. Whatever their belief may be, the great majority of them will finally listen to reason, and any cause loses when it resorts or permits its followers to resort to methods that are not only unmanly, but cowardly in the extreme.

There was a day when meetings could be gone into and a few rough necks hired who would be filled with bad whiskey and shoot up a meeting and it would pass unobserved, but that day has passed. The expression of men now find an outlet in argument and reason, and not in bullets and rough-house methods. There can be no question but that this is true, and the man who is fearless of the consequences does not hesitate to say so, and say so openly, and when he has said so follow up that assertion with actions that do not belie their words.

We notice in the Liberator that Mr. Spears is paying his very pleasant respects to us. As far as what he has to say in regard to us in concerned, that matters but little, but we feel that he might have taken another method to gain notoriety. It took Mr. Spears some length of time to find out whether he was an Independent or a Regular. Things were much different seven years ago with him. He lays claim to the fact that I am imported into the county for the purpose of advocating certain things. Mr. Spears seems to be unimpaired of the fact that he campaigned with me in this county seven years ago, and was then teeth and toe nail against the principles of the party he is now espousing. He forgets that we have been in the same meeting where we have counted visible as many as 63 guns at Greentown, when the situation was squally and when a misstated pronoun would have set off a battle. He felt all right then because he was in the fold. What is wrong now? As far as mentioning his name in the campaign is concerned, that is a thing we have never done. Truth to tell, we didn't even know he was in the campaign until a few days ago. Not that we would have refrained from mentioning it, but apparently he had not been able to get in the limelight. We feel called upon to mention it now, however, and to say to Mr. Spears in all good faith that on the 8th day of this month the cause he is supporting will have its funeral services. No use to invite him, for he will be there, and will be one of the chief mourners. It doesn't pay to sling mud, brother Spears. Better make a clean out-and-out fight, and not try to drag personalities into the matters.

Too much credit cannot be given Mr. L. Burke O'Neil and Mr. W. W. Caldwell, who have had practical charge of headquarters and have really borne much of the burden of the responsibility of the office when Chairman Ramsey and the rest of the committee had to be away. Not only are they competent, but they have been aggressive and have put in vogue many methods that have been helpful in the campaign. Mr. Luther Montgomery comes in for a share of credit for his promptness with his newspaper plant in paper in getting out over the county on time the notices of the different meetings, bills, etc. Taken on the whole, the committee could not have selected a more able and competent corps of men than these.

Hon. J. M. Ellis seems to think he has been sadly mistreated in many respects. Well, if he has, and we fail to see just where he has, we can't see just what he hopes to gain by hitching up with a party that will increase that state of sadness. The colored people in the county did as much to defeat Jim as anybody else because they did not turn out at the primary. Let's put the blame where it belongs. At the precincts of the men whom he is fighting now is where he received his largest vote, and at the precincts of the men with whom he has cast his fortune is where he received his smallest vote. Tell the voters how this was, James.

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Lawyer Sweeney says we know nothing of the politics of this county, and have simply been imported here. Well, all we have to say on that score is we were campaigning in this county long before Hon. Mr. Sweeney entered the game of politics, and when it took men with arms in all pockets to insure the holding of a meeting. We have gone over the mountain trails at every hour of the night. We have slept in open stations when we could not catch trains. We have walked from 10 to 15 miles with men who are now on the Republican ticket in order to get back home to make appointments for the next day. Maybe he thinks this is not campaigning. Maybe he thinks this won't give a man knowledge of the conditions of the people. If it does, then we feel that his logic is extremely faulty.

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VANITY FAIR

Conducted by JOHN H. WILLS.

The Main Difference Between Civilized Man and the Savage Is—Savages Don't Read.

How Will You Vote?

The question which the American people will answer on Tuesday is not to decide the fate of parties, not shall Democrat or Republican hold the sceptre of rule, but whether the nation shall continue in the path of progress or fall in to the slough of despotism and fanaticism. All of those movements which are making toward civic betterment are being vivified and carried forward by the Republican party, while the Democratic party has confined its labors to high-sounding preachments for political virtue, while the Solid South denied every word and sentiment the party uttered.

The Colored Voter's Position

There may be a State somewhere in this broad land of ours where the affairs of the community may be better administered by a Democrat Governor, Mayor or a State Legislature. I leave that to you. Figure it out. There can be no doubt in the mind of a fair-thinking man that the affairs of the nation will be more wisely administered by having and keeping the Republican party in power.

To the colored voter, this is a very important question. The Solid South, with 77 Congressmen holding seats by violence, corruption and fraud, will begin to make war on the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Hardwick, Kitchin, Edwards and Candler will present the infamous repeal bills in the House, and Heflin, the rum-soaked temperance orator, will present his "jim-crow-car" bills for Washington, D. C. In the States the conditions of affairs will result about the way they did in Maryland when Governor Lowndes was defeated. Under his administration the school facilities of the State had been greatly increased, particularly those schools for colored children, and education among the colored people took a great bound upward.

Through dissatisfaction with President Harrison and lack of sense enough to know when they were doing well certain colored politicians in that State threw their influence with the Democratic machine. It was a bad throw. The first thing the Democrats did was to reduce the school year and the number of colored schools. In some counties the school year was reduced to six weeks. The next act of oppression was a "jim-crow-car" law. Not that there was any demand for it from the white citizens, but simply to degrade and humiliate the colored citizens of Maryland. Then they began to tinker with the election laws, trying to deprive the colored voters of their rights. They are tinkering yet.

How the Foreigners Look At It

It is very encouraging to read statements like the following. The better element of Maryland citizens are opposed to ring rule and Democratic ideas for misgovernment; they do not wish their State to lag along in the ranks of those backward States which are the be all and end all of the Democratic party. We present here the views of the Polish and German citizens of Baltimore: One of the greatest heroes of the Polish nation was Thaddeus Kosciuszko, who fought for the liberty of Poland and that of the United States, declared Mr. Peter Twardouicz. He was our hero for wears, and he will ever be our hero as long as the Polish race exists. He fought for freedom not only of his own people, but also for those of this country, and we as Polish-Americans, should ever uphold the principles he fought for. Now, let me ask, my Polish fellow-citizens, would our national hero have voted

for a man, who, for the sake of upholding a political party, deprived his fellow-men of their right to franchise?

Imagine Kosciuszko here at the present time. Imagine him facing a man like the democratic candidate for Congress from this district, and imagine him asking this candidate the first principles of freedom. What could he answer? Could he answer that the deprivation of the colored race or the deprivation of any race of the rights of franchise are even a part of the fight for freedom? What would Kosciuszko say? Let the Polish people of this city find their own answer.

Men who are enlightened and have been able to gain a deeper look into the workings of politics as they are played in this country have found that there has been no party but the Republican that has protected the foreigners. It has protected them in their right to become naturalized citizens, it has given them equal rights with other men who were free born and we should recognize this. Mr. Konig, as the representative of the Democratic ring of the city, has twice attempted to wrest from us that right of citizenship granted us by the efforts of the Republican party. Should we, then, vote for him? Would Kosciuszko vote for him?

Mr. Ignatius Wasowicz was equally emphatic in stating that it would be a great mistake for the Polish people, or any other of the foreign-born citizens of Baltimore, to kiss the knout that attempted to punish them for becoming wise and knowing citizens of this country.

There have been too many attempts to infringe upon our freedom as American citizens, said Mr. Wasowicz. We are proud of being part and parcel of this great nation, we are proud of the right to vote granted us by the Constitution of the United States, and any man who attempts to deprive us of that right to vote at one election is not entitled to our suffrage at the next. Believe me, the Polish people will think twice before they vote for a man like Mr. Konig.

Sentiment among the German-Americans of this city is pretty well known to be opposed to Mr. Konig, a number of the members of the Independent Citizens' Union having put their stamp of disapproval upon his candidacy. It seems to be a foregone conclusion among the Germans of this city that Mr. Konig will after next Tuesday be the defeated candidate. This sentiment of the Germans is best expressed in the words of Mr. Louis P. Hennighausen, president of the German Society of Maryland:

The fight for freedom on the part of the foreign-born people of this country, however, will continue until all those people who seek to deprive them of their rights are finally dethroned. The foreign-born voter is entitled to his vote according to the Constitution, and it is wrong to deprive him of it. It may not be generally known that at one time the Jews of this State were not entitled to a vote, the same as the negroes, and the same forces that were then at work seem to be at work now, only the aim seems to be the disfranchisement of all foreign-born citizens.—Baltimore American.

The True Reformers' Bank of Richmond

It is to be hoped that the collapse of the True Reformers' Bank of Richmond, Va., will not be taken by the majority of colored people who have money to save and invest as an additional evidence that colored people cannot conduct such enterprises. The causes which led to the downfall of that bank are almost the same which caused its phenomenal rise; that is, sentiment, and it would have taken greater financial skill than that possessed by any modern financier to have kept that bank on a solid basis. It is most unfortunate that the insurance and benevolent branches of this worthy and progressive order should have become mixed up with the bank, and it is to be hoped that they will be able to release themselves from this entanglement and continue their useful existence.

Supposition and guesswork as to the cause of the downfall of this bank are plentiful, but the only fact clearly shown is that the directors had too many propositions on their hands, and tried to finance them all with the same resources, depending

mainly on time and chance for success, rather than upon sound business and banking methods. The result was good money went after bad, and after floundering helplessly for a year they were forced to close.

Many are inclined to compare the failure of the True Reformers' Bank of Richmond to that of the Capital Savings Bank of Washington, D. C. I most sincerely hope there is no comparison between the two. The failure of the Capital Savings Bank of this city was the result of criminal carelessness, extending through the operation of years; the wasting of the depositors' money in riotous living, and finally the deliberate looting of the bank by certain members of the board of directors.

No one doubted the statements so eloquently and earnestly made that "depositors would be paid dollar for dollar." When certain members of the board of directors declared bankruptcy and the facts concerning the business methods came out, and finally when some of them began to put large sums of money in property, and the depositors have only received about 5 per cent, then everyone realized that that honest settlement was an empty dream. It is to be hoped that no such final will be the case in Richmond.

Race Don'ts

(Some unknown correspondent visited THE FORUM the other day and left the following gem of wisdom and wit on my desk. I wish the writer had not been so shy. I should like to know who wrote these sentiments):

Don't let's forget so soon the depths of misery and degradation from which we sprung.

Don't let's look with scorn on the brother whose salary is not quite so large as ours.

Don't let's forget that a few years ago the best of us were glad to get any salary.

Don't let's feel we are so big and important that we can't say "If you please" and "I thank you."

Don't let's make the subordinate feel his subordination at every turn. "I thank you," "If you please," "Will you kindly" are a few little phrases which will act as a lever in the solution of the race problem.

Dr. Washington in North Carolina

Dr. Booker T. Washington was given the most enthusiastic reception of his trip in Greensboro, N. C., Sunday, October 30. Fully 8000 people, a large number of whom were influential white citizens of that city, gathered to hear Dr. Washington at the Hippodrome, the largest auditorium in the State. Dr. Washington is doing much by this tour through North Carolina to clarify opinion regarding the educational and industrial ideals and ambitions of our people, and to strengthen the friendly relations existing between the races in that State.

Get a Free Shampoo Special Ten Day Offer

The Hair Vim Chemical Co., Inc., successors to Columbus Chemical Co., Newport News, Va., wishes to announce their opening at 643 Florida avenue N. W. To introduce Hair Vim to the ladies of Washington, for the next 10 days, beginning November 6, we will give shampoos free of charge to all customers of Hair Vim or Hair Vim Soap. Consultations free. If you have any trouble with your hair or scalp, come in and see us. Special reduction on hair straightening.

Prof. James Storum, instructor of languages in M street high school, after an illness of three weeks, died on Saturday evening, October 29. Funeral services were held from Berean Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, November 2. Professor Storum was one of the oldest educators in this city.